

Grade 2 News



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of another school year. It has been great to meet all of your children, and see their enthusiasm to start again. We look forward to a very enjoyable year, and to working closely with you over the coming months.

A special welcome to our new Grade Two teachers, Unicia Young and Fran McMillan. We also welcome Carol Murray as our Grade Two teacher assistant for the four classes.

We would like to inform you of a number of important items which relate to all Grade 2 classes.

Homework

Homework will be issued on Monday to Thursday, and children are required to spend approximately half an hour completing their homework tasks. On a regular basis homework will include reading, spelling, mathematics and written activities. At times other homework tasks, relating to units of inquiry, will be issued. EAL and French teachers may also issue homework on occasions.

We would like to encourage your involvement in your child's homework. This should be a positive experience as children begin to form good study habits. With this in mind, we would like to suggest that you **do not exceed the recommended half hour time period**.

The children will write all homework tasks in their homework assignment book, and there is also space for your comments and feedback. Due to busy schedules we understand that at times children will not be able to complete their homework on a given day. A short message in your child's assignment book letting us know that this is the case would be appreciated.

P.E.

Children in Grade 2 to wear their PE uniform to school on PE days. The PE staff would like the children to have a pair of PE shoes to change into at each lesson and these are kept at school.



Unit of Inquiry - Luxembourg and other World Cultures

Our first unit of inquiry begins with a study of Luxembourg, followed by a look at different World Cultures. We would be delighted if any parents would be willing to come in to talk to the children in the class about their culture/country. If you would like to come in, please see the appropriate class teacher.



Before and After School

Before school all children are required to line up outside in the playground (or in the Hillside cafeteria if it is raining). After school we will escort each class to the Hillside Foyer area. We would be grateful if you could meet your child there. This will ensure that your child is supervised at all times. If your child is being collected by someone else, please inform us with a short note in your child's homework assignment book.

Meeting With Us

If you would like to meet with any of us to discuss issues relating to your child, we will do our best to accommodate you. Afternoons are generally better than mornings for talking with us.

Please note that future newsletters will be sent electronically, and can be accessed via the ISL e-News.

Best wishes.

Grade Two Team

